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CHAMBERLAIN'S ALASKA RAILROAD.

THE Alaskan railroad bill is one of the most important matters of legislation which has passed congress in many years. It means the rapid and permanent development of Alaska, and this will have a splendid effect upon the business growth of the entire Pacific Northwest. Senator Chamberlain did great work in securing the passage of so important a bill at a single session of congress.

With the construction of this railroad the actual development of Alaska will begin. It will not be a mining development, nor a fisheries development, but an agricultural development.

For, be it known, Alaska is an agricultural country. Fairbanks, the principal city of the interior, and the probable objective point of the railroad, is about on the same latitude as Christina, Norway, and the agricultural valleys of Norway and Sweden as far north as the Alaskan valleys. The climate of inland Alaska, behind Mt. McKinley and the glaciers, is similar to the climate of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, which recently have made such strides in agriculture. Moreover, there has been enough actual farming in the interior to show that it is practicable.

When this great agricultural territory is opened for development, permanent towns and permanent communities will spring up. Women and children will enter Alaska. They are comparatively few there now.

Even the mining industry will take on new life, for much of the gold-bearing gravel awaits the coming of adequate transportation facilities before it can be worked to advantage.

A TEAPOT STORM AT PENDLETON.

THE present troubles at Pendleton come from the unfortunate fact that Pendleton took Evangelist Bulgin seriously. It seems to be a practice of certain evangelists to travel over the country evangelizing and discovering in every community a terrible state of affairs, which, they assume, it is their duty to correct. The duty might be plain enough, if the evangelists would first be sure that the things they discover are true. Last year this same "evangelist," if we are not mistaken, came to Salem and made all kinds of charges about Salem girls, which were utterly foundationless, but, fortunately, little or no attention was paid to his charges, and he moved on to clean up other places. It looks though, as if he had set a snare for the ministerial association at Pendleton, if they, as is charged, made the accusations they are credited with. It seems the association, among other things, charged Rev. A. L. Lucas with being the son of a woman who was a quarter-blood negro. We fail to see that Mr. Lucas is to blame for that fact, if it is true, nor do we see that there is anything to be ashamed of in it. A man may be one-eighth negro, or all negro, and be a man and a Christian just the same. Indeed there can be no question as to which can be the better, a man with a black skin and pure morals and a man with a black heart and no morals at all, regardless of the color of his hide. As to the charge that Mr. Lucas is "a champion of the devil," not being familiar with that person's affairs we are unable to venture an opinion; but we suggest that Judge Phelps and a Pendleton jury are abundantly able to pass on that question, living as they do in the home of the round-up and land of the aboriginal cowboy. Besides Judge Phelps used to live at The Dalles, and had an acquaintance that reached clear to Shaniko and the center of the world's sheep industry, and on top of this he has waited for trains at Biggs when the sand was moving, and we submit should be an expert on all matters appertaining to his Satanic majesty.

The fact that "Evangelist" Bulgin wants the governor to come up at the head of the state troops, remove all officials, put in special judges and call a picked jury to investigate charges which he says he has abundant evidence to prove; shows that he has not much confidence in his case, and less in the officials of the state. Bulgin should bulge out.

GOOD TIME THROUGH MUD HOLES.

THE assertion that Marion county roads are simply almost impassable mud holes is not borne out by the facts, but is a broad and false statement, made to bolster a weak case. As a matter of fact, Marion county roads are many of them good, and most of them much better than the paved boulevard advocates will admit. They are being made better every year, and the statement that money is being dumped into mud

holes and wasted is an insult to every road supervisor in the county, and to most of the farmers who assisted in working on the roads. As an evidence of the state of the roads, here is a sample of what is being done every day, and surely the roads are bad at this time of the year, if ever. Tuesday Mr. Ben Roberts, who resides near Turner, came into The Capital Journal office, and, when he was asked as to the condition of the roads, he said: "I and a friend came in from my place this morning in a single buggy. It is ten miles from Salem and near Turner, and we drove into the livery barn here just one hour and six minutes after leaving my place."

We submit that this is pretty good time to make over roads that are a series of bottomless mud holes, but, fortunately, the Marion county mud holes are much worse on paper than they are in fact.

HARDY SCOT DEFIES UNCLE SAM.

JAMES McNAUGHTON is a pretty big man, at least in the opinion of James McNaughton. He is general manager of the Calumet & Hecla Copper Mining company, one of the greatest robber corporations in the world, and Tuesday, when a witness before the congressional committee examining into abuses at the mines, he defied the government, and said he would not allow it to interfere between him and the strikers. He said: "I know this is my pocketbook, and I am not going to allow you or others to arbitrate to decide whose pocketbook it is." As general manager, he says the statements made by anyone that conflict with what he says are lies, and that anything anybody else says is apt to be a lie, and probably is. It is to be hoped that Uncle Samuel considers Mr. McNaughton as having been born in Missouri, and kindly but forcefully proceed to show him a few things. Most of the employees Mr. McNaughton says are foreigners, but he never batted an eye when he was forced to admit that a majority of the stockholders were also foreigners. We have here an American property, owned by foreigners, worked by foreign labor, and the manager, who is a Scotchman, telling the general government to go to the devil. The chances are it won't go, not even to please McNaughton, but the invitation is heartfelt and generous.

The election of Hi Gill as mayor of Seattle by an overwhelming majority is another indication of the determination of the people to turn down boss rule wherever it bobs up. It seems that half a dozen men, representing certain business interests, including the light and power, traction and brewery companies, got together and slated a certain man for mayor, proceeding at the same time to raise a liberal campaign fund for him. The facts came out in due time and Gill, now aggressively independent, received the benefit of the exposure. His election was simply a declaration of the people of Seattle that they were determined not to be governed by the public service corporations and big business interests. Hi Gill may have some faults, but he is an angel compared to some of those who were opposed to his election.

I. H. Bingham yesterday filed his petition of nomination for senator from Lane county on the Republican ticket. He has had much previous experience in both houses of the legislature, and during his incumbency made a record that will prove his most valuable asset in the campaign. Mr. Bingham has a national aptitude for legislative work, possesses untiring industry and has a splendid grasp of public affairs, making his candidacy a matter in which the entire state, and not Lane county alone, is interested. Senator Bingham was one of the legislative leaders during his terms of service, almost uniformly leading in the right direction, and The Capital Journal hopes to see him back in his old seat again.

W. L. Finlay, state biologist, it is claimed, has saved the state \$37 by being able to tell the difference between a coyote hide and that of a timber wolf. This is indeed cheering news, and enables the state to put a credit mark on its ledger of \$37 to balance that \$137,000 that the state biologist, then also master game warden, did not save last year. When \$136,963 more are saved, barring interest, Mr. Finlay's business for the state will show that it just balances.

Great Britain has decided to let the Mexican question alone until the United States gives the word, so Earl Grey has officially announced, and John Bull, in this instance, gives evidence of rare good sense.

THE ROUND-UP.

The rabies infection is spreading in eastern Oregon, and several cases have developed on the Middle Fork of the John Day river. Baker county paid \$527.50 for bounties on wild animals during the month of February. Mrs. Julia Goodell aged 73, who came to Oregon in 1862, died at her home in Rickard February 21. Major Bowley says he will issue calls for bids for grading the Columbia Highway through Clatsop and Columbia counties about May first. The Astoria council has created a board of moving picture censors. Now

A Skin of Beauty is a Joy Forever.

DR. T. FELIX GOURAUD'S ORIENTAL CREAM OR MAGICAL BEAUTIFIER

Editors of the Huntington News, the Nyssa Journal and the Juntura Times are engaged in debate as to which town of the three is the "gate city" of eastern Oregon. In the Polk county spelling contest for February, Falls City won first place in the seventh and eighth grades, second in the fifth grade, and third in the fourth grade. One hundred dollars has been given by Mrs. G. O. Rogers of Forest Grove to the boys' club toward their new

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Wodburn Independent: A Nelson of Monitor this week finished delivering 30,000 pounds of onions to the warehouse. He stated that he raised them on two acres and that the net profit would be nearly \$500 per acre.

The Coos and Curry county fair has been dated for September 23 to 26. The directors have chosen these officers: B. C. Dement, president; A. E. Adelberger, vice-president; L. A. Roberts, secretary; Dr. M. O. Stemmler, treasurer.

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